

## REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 remain in the application and new claims 20 to 28 have been added.

Applicant notes that the Examiner indicated that claims 7, 9, 14 and 18 would be allowable if written in independent form. As such, the following amendments have been made:

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of claim 18;

Claim 20 has been added which includes the subject matter of claims 1, 3, 5, 7;

Claim 24 has been added which includes the subject matter of claims 1 and 9; and

Claim 26 has been added which includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 14.

Applicant has also taken this opportunity, although not for the purposes of overcoming any prior art rejections, to amend claims 8 and 9 to provide proper antecedent basis for all of the terms contained therein. Applicant wishes to establish that these amendments to the claims were made to facilitate understanding, and were not for the purposes of establishing patentability.

Applicants have addressed all rejections raised by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner considers that there are any outstanding issues, she is kindly invited to contact applicant's agent by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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